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Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE:

Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges for the provision of water and sewer service and modification of rate schedules; Docket No. 2005-217-WS

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence dated September 6, 2006, from the City of West Columbia indicating its intent to increase bulk water charges it imposes on Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC")¹ with respect to the Vanarsdale and Parkwood Subdivisions.

Please accept this letter and the attachment as the notice required under Commission Order No. 2006-22, Docket No. 2005-217-W/S.

USSC respectfully requests that the Commission consider the within matter at its earliest possible convenience, and before October 1, 2006 if feasible, inasmuch as the City of West Columbia has expressed its intent to commence imposition of its increased bulk water service charge with its next monthly billing. *Cf.* Order No. 2002-285, Docket No. 2001-164-W/S at 14-15 ("we believe that the Company **should** submit its proposed adjustment for study at least 60 days in advance of its time to originate the new charge.") If the Commission were able to act within that time frame, it would avoid the confusion which could arise if USSC had to include two months of bulk charges on a single customer bill.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Office of Regulatory Staff that I have provided the attached notice and forwarded a copy of the associated correspondence on to you.

¹Although this correspondence is addressed to Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS"), it pertains to bulk service provided to USSC as it is USSC, and not CWS, which provides water service in these subdivisions.

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I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter by date-stamping the extra copy $\int_{\beta} \mathbf{i}$ that is enclosed and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

John M.S. Hoefer

JMSH/amw Enclosures

cc: Florence P. Belser, Esquire

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September 6, 2006

Carolina Water Service 2335 Sanders Road Northbrook, IL 60062

Re:

- 1) Water Supply Agreement with the City of West Columbia, SC dated December 31, 1997, regarding Vanarsdale Subdivision (formerly U.S. Utilities)
- 2) Water Supply Agreement with the City of West Columbia, SC dated December 31, 1997, regarding Parkwood Subdivision (formerly U.S. Utilities)

Dear Sirs:

This letter is to serve as notification that the City Council of the City of West Columbia, SC has determined the volume water charges outlined in the above referenced agreements should be increased from \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. This increase will be effective immediately with the next billing(s). In accordance with the provisions of the agreements, this new rate is no higher than the lowest rate charged by the City for water provided to private utilities who sell water to retail customers.

If you should have any questions regarding this notification or these increases, please contact me at (803) 791-1880.

Sincerely,

Jennifer V. Curringham

Jennifer T. Cunningham

City Administrator

JTC/mvm